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April 4, 2016

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

**Environmental Impact Report for the Update of Plan Bay Area 2040 the
Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) invites your firm to submit a proposal to assist MTC in preparing a programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the updated Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) which is known as Plan Bay Area 2040 (or "the Plan"). The update of the Plan and this EIR must be completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act); Senate Bill (SB) 375; and all other applicable state and federal environmental laws.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) documents for this project are available for download on the MTC website at <http://procurements.mtc.ca.gov/>. Proposers are responsible for checking the website for any Addenda to this RFP. Responses should be submitted in accordance with the instructions set forth in the RFP.

Interested firms must submit an original and six (6) copies, as well as one electronic PDF version, of their proposal by **4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2016**, in accordance with the instructions contained in the RFP. Other key RFP Dates are listed in *Section V, Consultant Selection Timetable* of the RFP.

Adam Noelting is the MTC project manager for the RTP/SCS and point of contact for this contract. Heidi Tschudin, Tschudin Consulting Group, is the contract project manager for the preparation of the EIR. Contact information is provided below. Proposals and all inquiries relating to this RFP shall be submitted to Mr. Noelting.

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Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Andrew B. Fremier
Deputy Executive Director, Operations

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

to the

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

for

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR
PLAN BAY AREA 2040 THE
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

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BACKGROUND AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Description of MTC

MTC was created by the state Legislature in 1970 (California Government Code § 66500 *et seq.*) to serve as the transportation planning, coordinating and financing agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

MTC serves as both the regional transportation planning agency (RTPA) – a state designation – and for federal purposes, as the region’s metropolitan planning organization (MPO). Among its many planning, financing and operational functions, MTC is responsible for preparing the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which is a long range comprehensive blueprint for the development of mass transit, highway, airport, seaport, railroad, bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The current long-range plan is entitled *Plan Bay Area, A Strategy for a Sustainable Region*, which was adopted by MTC and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) in July 2013.

ABAG is a joint powers agency formed in 1961 pursuant to California Government Code §§ 6500, *et seq.*, and is the council of governments (COG) for the San Francisco Bay Area. As the council of governments, ABAG is responsible for regional planning activities and for providing information and services to member jurisdictions. Pursuant to the Housing Element Law, ABAG works closely with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to determine the existing and projected housing needs in the Bay Area. ABAG is also responsible for making long-term forecasts of population, housing, and employment for the region.

MTC and ABAG work closely with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) and Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) on regional planning initiatives related to focused growth, climate protection and sustainable communities. The Joint Policy Committee (JPC) coordinates the regional planning efforts of these four partner agencies.

Key regional plans, initiatives and guidance documents that are important resource documents for this EIR and RTP/SCS effort are as follows:

- MTC’s *Plan Bay Area, A Strategy for a Sustainable Region* (July 2013)
<http://planbayarea.org/the-plan/adopted-plan-bay-area-2013.html>
- MTC’s *Environmental Impact Report for Plan Bay Area* (July 2013)
<http://planbayarea.org/plan-bay-area/plan-elements/environmental-impact-report.html>
- ABAG’s *Regional Housing Need Plan San Francisco Bay Area 2014-22* (2013)
http://abag.ca.gov/files/ABAG_Final_RHNA_Publication.pdf

B. Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy

Regional transportation planning, local land use planning and regional housing allocations are more closely aligned as a result of the passage of California’s Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act (SB 375 (Steinberg)) signed into law in 2008. SB 375 requires metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to have a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as an element of the regional transportation plan (RTP), which strives to reach the greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target established for each region by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The target for the Bay Area is a seven percent per capita reduction by 2020 and a fifteen percent per capita reduction by 2035 from 2005 levels.

In the Bay Area, the RTP/SCS is developed jointly by MTC and ABAG. The RTP/SCS will be an integrated plan that (1) identifies areas within the nine-county Bay Area sufficient to accommodate all of the region's population, including all income groups for the next 25 years and (2) sets forth a forecasted development pattern, which when integrated with the transportation system, reduces GHG emissions from automobiles and light trucks. The Regional Housing Needs Determination and Allocation (RHND and RHNA) prepared by ABAG is also linked to the RTP/SCS by SB 375. The RTP/SCS must identify areas within the region where both an 8-year and 25-year housing need could be accommodated. The law also requires that the SCS and RHNA be consistent with one another; and that local governments adopt their housing elements (accommodating for RHNA) 18-months after the adoption of the RTP/SCS. *Plan Bay Area 2040* - the RTP/SCS is scheduled to be adopted in summer of 2017, and will be the Bay Area's second plan that is subject to SB 375.

More specifically, SB 375 requires that each SCS must:

- (i) identify the general location of uses, residential densities, and building intensities within the region;
- (ii) identify areas within the region sufficient to house all the population of the region, including all economic segments of the population, over the course of the planning period of the regional transportation plan taking into account net migration into the region, population growth, household formation and employment growth;
- (iii) identify areas within the region sufficient to house an eight-year projection of the regional housing need for the region pursuant to Government Code Section 65584;
- (iv) identify a transportation network to service the transportation needs of the region;
- (v) gather and consider the best practically available scientific information regarding resource areas and farmland in the region as defined in subdivisions (a) and (b) of Government Code Section 65080.01;
- (vi) consider the state housing goals specified in Government Code Sections 65580 and 65581;
- (vii) set forth a forecasted development pattern for the region, which, when integrated with the transportation network, and other transportation measures and policies, will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks to achieve, if there is a feasible way to do so, the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets approved by the state board; and
- (viii) allow the regional transportation plan to comply with Section 176 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 7506).

If the RTP/SCS falls short of the greenhouse gas targets, MTC and ABAG must adopt an "alternative planning strategy" (APS) that achieves the targets. Because the APS is not formally part of the RTP/SCS it can include bolder ideas that rely upon changes in law, such as pricing strategies or new funding sources not anticipated in the RTP/SCS.

C. Project Purpose, Description and Approach

1. Project Purpose and Description

The purpose of the environmental assessment of the proposed RTP/SCS is to comply with the requirements of CEQA, as well as applicable provisions in the FAST Act (Title 23 CFR Parts 450 and 500), SB 375 and other relevant state and federal environmental laws. It is to be designed to inform decision-makers, responsible and trustee agencies, and the general public of the proposed actions and the range of potential environmental effects of implementing the transportation and land-use strategies in the RTP/SCS. The EIR is to propose a broad range of feasible and effective mitigation measures to minimize the significant adverse regional impacts of the RTP/SCS, and evaluate a range of alternatives to the proposed RTP/SCS. As a programmatic EIR, it is also to be prepared at a level of detail necessary to facilitate effective tiering from this document by lead agencies of

future transportation and development projects, particularly those development projects that can benefit from the SB 375 CEQA streamlining provisions.

2. EIR Approach

The approach for this EIR will be to prepare a new standalone EIR for the updated RTP/SCS that uses the structure and content of the prior (2013) EIR as a general template. It should be assumed, unless determined otherwise, that the prior thresholds of significance and mitigation strategy remain generally appropriate for use in this EIR, with changes driven primarily by changes in the Plan.

The format and approach must be verified with MTC staff to determine if any modification are merited. The introduction and Environmental Setting sections of each topical chapter should be refreshed and updated. The prior Master Responses should be evaluated for integration into this EIR.

The prior EIR was the subject of four legal challenges, a summary of which can be viewed at the web link provided below. Two of these challenges were settled and the settlements can be viewed at the same website. The other two challenges were dismissed and have been appealed. The EIR must comply with all requirements placed on MTC and ABAG as a result of the settlement agreements.

<http://planbayarea.org/the-plan/quick-facts/Legal-Settlements.html>

3. Tiering

As a first tier document, this program EIR for the RTP/SCS considers broad policy alternatives and program-wide mitigation measures early in the process, enabling enhanced flexibility to address the many factors which will apply to the RTP/SCS (e.g., regional influences, secondary effects such as growth-inducing impacts, and cumulative impacts such as the greenhouse gas, transportation, air quality and noise impacts). To effectively facilitate tiering, this EIR must include enough site-specific information and analysis to allow the lead agency (e.g., transportation agency or city/county government) of a future transportation or development project to conclude that, in analyzing the “big picture,” the EIR for the RTP/SCS addressed enough details and provided adequate analyses to allow the lead agency to make informed site-specific decisions within the program.

SB 375 provides streamlining of CEQA requirements for specific residential and mixed-use residential projects and transit priority projects consistent with Public Resource Code Sections 21155.1 and 21159.28 to effectively tier from the RTP/SCS EIR. Furthermore, SB 375 CEQA streamlining provisions provide opportunities for lead agencies of future development projects to tier from the EIR for the RTP/SCS by preparing a Sustainable Communities Environmental Assessment (SCEA), a negative declaration-equivalent. A SCEA need not address growth inducing impacts of the project, or project specific or cumulative impacts from cars and light duty truck trips on climate change or the regional transportation network. Moreover, a SCEA need not identify as cumulatively considerable those cumulative effects that have been addressed and mitigated in prior environmental impact reports. If there is a legal challenge, the SCEA will be subject to a “substantial evidence” standard of review, which is highly deferential to the lead agency and thus presents a real benefit to developers seeking legally defensible environmental documents and project approvals.

To facilitate effective development project tiering from the RTP/SCS EIR, MTC and ABAG expect the EIR to be prepared at a high level of detail and analysis, with a particular emphasis on the cumulative and growth-inducing impacts.

4. Alternatives Analysis

MTC staff will work with the selected consultant to solidify alternatives for consideration in the EIR for the RTP/SCS. MTC anticipates the EIR will evaluate the No Project alternative, and three additional alternatives which are currently under development as Plan alternatives. Each alternative will consist of a cohesive set of: (a) transportation policies, programs and projects, (b) land-use development strategy, and (c) an expected resulting growth distribution and urban form.

PROPOSER MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Proposals must demonstrate that the firm or team submitting the proposal (“Proposer”) meets the following Minimum Qualifications to be eligible for consideration for this project.

A. Consultant Qualifications

- Project manager must have demonstrated experience preparing programmatic EIRs on land use and/or transportation plans similar to the services requested by MTC; and
- Each EIR section writer must have recent experience working on regional land use and/or transportation plans, with specific experience relating to the tasks on which he or she is proposed to work.

B. Additional Consultant Qualifications

In the proposal evaluation process, project managers with experience on RTP/SCS EIRs will be given preference.

SCOPE OF WORK, PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE, AND BUDGET

A. Scope of Work

The scope of work for the project is provided in *Appendix A, Scope of Work*. Proposers may propose modifications to this scope as appropriate for the purposes of their proposal. The firm selected to enter into a contract (“Consultant”) will be expected to perform all work and analysis necessary to complete the scope of work.

B. Period of Performance

MTC expects the work to commence immediately upon execution of a contract, and to be completed no later than July 31, 2017. At MTC’s sole option, the contract may be extended for up to one year for additional year for work contemplated by *Appendix A, Scope of Work*.

C. Budget

MTC estimates a budget of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) for this effort, and has of which three hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$320,000) for this effort is budgeted in Fiscal Year 2015-16. Additional funding and funding for future fiscal years is subject to approval of future MTC budgets. Proposers are not precluded from substantiating a higher budget based on necessary work effort; however, cost and cost effectiveness are factors in proposal evaluation.

PROPOSERS' CONFERENCE AND REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION OR EXCEPTION

A non-mandatory Proposers' Conference will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, April 15, 2016, at the Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, in the Fishbowl Conference Room.

Any addenda will be posted on MTC's website. All Proposers are responsible for checking the website for any addenda to the bid documents.

Any requests for clarification of or exceptions to RFP requirements must be received by MTC no later than 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, to guarantee a response or consideration. MTC reserves the right to reject any proposal that contains unauthorized conditions or exceptions.

CONSULTANT SELECTION TIMETABLE

10:00 a.m., on Friday, April 15, 2016	Non Mandatory Proposers' Conference, at 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA 94607, <Fishbowl Conference Room>
4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 19, 2016	Closing date/time for receipt of requests for modifications/exceptions
No later than three (3) business days prior to the date proposals are due.	Deadline for protesting RFP provisions
4:00 p.m., Monday, April 25, 2016*	Closing date/time for receipt of proposals
Wednesday, April 27 or Friday, April 29, 2016*	Interviews/Discussions (if held). Mandatory attendance by project manager and GIS specialist
Wednesday, May 11, 2016*	MTC Administrative Committee Approval
<i>*Interview, award and approval dates are approximate and are subject to change before or after the closing date of the RFP.</i>	

SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSALS

1. Interested firms must submit an original and six (6) copies, as well as one electronic PDF version, of their proposal by **4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2016. Submission of an electronic copy of the proposal without hard copies will not satisfy the submission requirement. No proposals submitted solely by email and no faxed proposals will be considered.**
2. Proposals are to be addressed as follows:

Environmental Impact Report for Plan Bay Area 2040
Attention: Adam Noelting
*Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, 3rd Floor Receptionist
101 Eighth Street
Oakland, CA 94607-4700

**MTC is in the process of moving to the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco. An addendum will be posted online at <http://procurements.mtc.ca.gov/> if this move affects the submittal of proposals.*

3. Proposer's name and return address must also appear on the envelope.
4. Proposals will be received only at the address shown above and **no later than the date and time indicated**. MTC is not responsible for deliveries delayed for any reason. Any proposals received after said date and time or at a place other than the stated address cannot be considered and will be returned to the Proposer unopened.
5. All proposals, whether delivered by an employee of the Proposer, U.S. Postal Service, courier or package delivery service, must be received and time stamped at the stated address **prior to or no later than the time designated**. The timestamp located on the 3rd floor at the receptionist desk shall be considered the official timepiece for the purpose of establishing the time of receipt of proposals.
6. Proposer agrees and acknowledges all RFP specifications, terms and conditions and indicates ability to perform by submission of a proposal.
7. A signed proposal submitted to MTC in response to this RFP shall constitute a binding offer from Proposer to contract with MTC according to the terms of the proposal for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after the proposals are due to MTC.
8. A proposal may be withdrawn at any time before the date and time when proposals are due by submitting a written request for its withdrawal to the MTC Project Manager.
9. This RFP does not commit MTC to award a contract or to pay any costs incurred by any Proposer in the preparation of a proposal in response to this RFP.
10. Only one proposal will be accepted from any one person, partnership, corporation or other entity; however, several alternatives may be included in one response.
11. MTC reserves the right to accept or reject all proposals submitted, waive minor irregularities, request additional information, or revisions to offers, and negotiate with any or all Proposers.
12. MTC reserves the right in its sole discretion not to enter into any contract as a result of this RFP.
13. If the selected Proposer fails to enter into a contract with MTC in a timely manner as determined by MTC, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this RFP, MTC reserves the right to reject the proposal and enter into a contract with the next highest scoring Proposer.
14. Online Vendor Registration is required to be eligible for contract award. Proposers should visit <http://procurements.mtc.ca.gov/Vendors/vendor-information.html> to register in the MTC Vendor Database.

FORM OF PROPOSAL

Proposals must be signed in ink and include a statement that the person or persons signing the proposal is/are authorized to authorize and submit the proposal on behalf of the Proposer. Page limits, where specified, are for single-sided print. Proposers are encouraged to print double-sided copies to save paper.

Proposal content and completeness are most important. Short, concise proposals are preferred. Clarity is essential and will be considered in assessing the Proposer's capabilities.

Proposers must provide the information listed below. Any material deviation from these requirements may be cause for rejection of the proposal, as determined in MTC's sole discretion.

Each proposal must include the following:

A. Transmittal Letter

Proposals must include a transmittal letter signed by an official authorized to solicit business and enter into contracts for the firm and the name and telephone number of a contact person, if different from the signatory.

B. Title Page

Proposals must include a title page that includes the RFP subject, the name of the proposer's firm, local address, telephone number, name of contact person and the date.

C. Table of Contents

Proposals must include a table of contents that includes a clear identification of the material by section and page number.

D. Overview and Summary

This section should clearly convey the Consultant's understanding of the nature of the work and the general approach to be taken, and identify any specific considerations. It should include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. A discussion of the project's purpose;
2. A summary of proposed approach; and
3. The assumptions made in preparing the proposal.

E. Work Plan

This section should present a work plan to accomplish the tasks described in *Appendix A, Scope of Work*. The work plan should:

1. Discuss how the Consultant will conduct the identified tasks, identify deliverables and propose a more detailed schedule that demonstrates completion of the CEQA process within the confines of the MTC

overall plan adoption schedule. The proposal should discuss the tasks in sufficient detail to demonstrate a clear understanding of the project and component tasks. The proposal may include additional tasks or subtasks the Consultant believes are necessary. The schedule should show the expected sequence of tasks, subtasks and milestones.

2. Provide an organizational chart that shows roles and responsibilities of key personnel, EIR section writers, and reporting structure, including reporting and communication relationships between MTC Project Manager and subcontractors, if any.
3. Describe the approach to managing resources and maintaining quality results. Include a description of the role of any subcontractors, their specific responsibilities, and how their work will be supervised to maintain quality results.
4. Identify and explain any problem areas and/or potential obstacles (such as maintaining schedule, budget overruns, personnel management, feasibility, etc.) to successful completion of the Scope of Work, attached as *Appendix A*. Discuss methods, formal and informal, that you will use to track and resolve these problems/obstacles during the project.

F. Qualifications and References

1. Describe proposed team's qualifications specific to the requirements set forth in *Section II, Proposer Minimum Qualifications and Requirements*. Identify the personnel, including subcontractors' personnel, whose expertise or experience addresses each of the specified needs. Proposers are welcome to identify and provide examples of any other qualifications they feel are critical to the successful completion of the Scope of Work attached as *Appendix A*.
2. Identify key personnel (including subcontractor personnel) and briefly discuss individual qualifications to perform each task. Each key personnel resume should not exceed two pages.
3. Provide a succinct description (one page maximum) of any previous projects similar to the services requested, indicating the project title, duration, budget, sponsoring agency and sponsor project manager, and roles played by individuals proposed for this study. Include the name of the agency for whom the work was performed, year performed, name of the contact person and their telephone number.
4. Provide a list of references (including references for subcontractors) and their contact information.
5. Provide a summary of all contracts your firm (including subcontractors) has held with MTC, MTC SAFE, BATA, BAIFA, or BAHA, in the past three years, including a brief description of the scope of work, the contract amount and date of execution.

G. Cost Proposal

Based on the proposed work plan, provide a detailed breakdown of the expected expenditures of funds for each task including hours, billing rates, and costs for each person and subconsultants proposed to work on each task with subtotals by phase (*Appendix B*). Include a contingency line item for the overall budget of ten percent. Include a commitment to identified labor rates over the course of the contract. A line item budget should also be submitted for proposed sub-consultants with contracts estimated to exceed \$25,000.

H. California Levine Act Statement

Submit a signed Levine Act statement (*Appendix C*).

I. Insurance Provisions Document

Submit a signed acknowledgement that the Proposer agrees to provide the required certificates of insurance providing verification of the minimum insurance requirements listed in *Appendix D-I, Insurance Requirements*, within ten (10) days of MTC's notice to firm that it is the successful Proposer.

(See Section IX.B of the RFP for how to request exceptions to the minimum insurance requirements.)

J. Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Submit a W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification (containing original signature) available at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>.

K. Not Used

L. Not Used

M. Not Used

N. Not Used

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

A. Verification of Minimum Qualifications

The MTC Project Manager will review proposals to ensure that each proposal meets the Minimum Qualifications set out in *Section II, Proposer Minimum Qualifications* of this RFP. Proposers failing to meet the Minimum Qualifications will not be considered.

B. Review for General Responsiveness

The MTC Project Manager, in consultation with the MTC's Office of General Counsel, will conduct an initial review of the proposals for general responsiveness and inclusion of the items requested in Section VII, Form of Proposal. Proposers failing to meet the Minimum Qualifications listed in this RFP or to satisfy the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements (if applicable), will not be considered responsive. Also, any proposal that does not include enough information to permit the evaluators to rate the proposal in any one of the evaluation factors listed below will be considered non-responsive and will not be evaluated. A proposal that fails to include one or more items requested in Section VII, Form of Proposal may be considered responsive, if evaluation in every criterion is possible. MTC reserves the right to request additional information from responsive Proposers prior to evaluation.

C. Evaluation Panel and Evaluation Criteria

Responsive proposals will then be evaluated by an evaluation panel of the EIR Project Manager, MTC and possibly staff from partner agencies. The evaluation of the proposals shall be within the sole judgment and discretion of the evaluation panel.

All contact during the evaluation phase shall be through the MTC Project Manager only. Proposers shall neither contact nor lobby any evaluation panel members during the evaluation process. Any attempt by Proposer to contact and/or influence members of the evaluation panel may result in disqualification of Proposer.

Responsive proposals shall be evaluated on the basis of the following evaluation factors:

1. Individual and team expertise and experience providing similar consulting services. This includes but is not limited to the project manager's familiarity with regional and local transportation and land-use issues, strong project management and communications experience, capability to allocate resources as needed to meet project schedule, experience with CEQA and large, programmatic EIRs of equivalent size and scope, ability to deliver quality products and be responsive to MTC staff needs, and history of legal defensibility of CEQA documents prepared by consultant. For subconsultants, they are to provide a unique service to the team and be fully capable of performing their tasks. (25%)
2. Approach to completing the project, including but not limited to: understanding of the need, requirements, and timeline for conducting the environmental assessment; proposed approach to project tasks; knowledge and understanding of SB 375 (particularly the SCS and APS requirements and CEQA streamlining provisions) and the FAST Act; ability to anticipate and respond to potential challenges; strategy for managing resources; and approach to quality control and quality assurances. (25%)
3. Cost effectiveness, including hourly rates, reasonableness and appropriateness of preliminary task budget. (15%)
4. Cost - Each Proposers cost proposal will be weighted relative to the lowest cost proposal submitted in response to this RFP as follows: (20%)

Example:

Proposer	Proposed Cost	Calculation of Points	Points Assigned
Proposer A	\$250,000	Full 20 percentage points	20.00
Proposer B	\$300,000	\$250K divided by Proposer B cost, multiplied by 20	16.67
Proposer C	\$330,000	\$250K divided by Proposer C cost, multiplied by 20	15.15

5. Written and oral communication skills. (15%)

D. Proposer Discussions

Following the initial evaluation, the evaluation panel may elect to recommend award to a particular Proposer (with or without interviews), or to enter into discussions with a “short list” of Proposers, consisting of those Proposers reasonably likely, in the opinion of the panel, to be awarded the contract.

The purpose of discussions with a Proposer on the “short list” will be to identify to that Proposer’s specific deficiencies and weaknesses in its proposal and to provide the Proposer with the opportunity to consider possible approaches to alleviating or eliminating them. These deficiencies or weaknesses may include such things as technical issues, management approach, cost or team composition. Discussions may take place through written correspondence, phone calls and/or during face-to-face interviews. The Proposer’s project manager, as well as other key personnel identified by the evaluation panel, will be expected to participate in any discussions. A Proposer on the “short list” invited to participate in discussions will be expected to provide a presentation consisting of an overview of approach to the Project.

E. Request for Best and Final Offer

Following discussions, if held, Proposers on the “short list” will be given the opportunity to revise their written proposals to address the concerns raised during discussions through issuance by MTC of a Request for Best and Final Offer (BAFO). Following receipt of the BAFOs, the evaluation panel will evaluate the BAFOs against the evaluation criteria.

MTC reserves the right not to convene oral interviews or discussions, and to make an award on the basis of initial proposals. Accordingly, each initial proposal should be submitted on the most favorable terms from a price and a technical viewpoint. References may be contacted at any point in the evaluation process.

F. Recommendation for Contract Award

The panel will recommend a Proposer to the MTC Executive Director, based on their evaluation of the written proposals or BAFOs and oral interviews or discussions (if held). The Executive Director will review the recommendation and, if he agrees, he will approve the award or forward the recommendation to the appropriate MTC Committee for approval (if required).

GENERAL CONDITIONS

A. Award

Any award made will be to the Proposer whose proposal is most advantageous to MTC based on the evaluation criteria defined in Section VIII. If the selected firm fails to enter into a contract with MTC in a timely manner as determined by MTC, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this RFP, MTC reserves the right to reject the proposal of the selected firm and enter into a contract with the next highest scoring firm.

B. Contract Arrangements

The MTC Standard Consultant Contract is attached as *Appendix D*. If a Proposer wishes to propose a change to any standard MTC contract provision, the provision and the proposed alternative language must be submitted prior to the closing date for receipt of requests for clarifications/exceptions. If no such change is requested, the Proposer will be deemed to accept MTC’s standard contract provisions, unless such language is protested in accordance with Section C below.

The selected Consultant will be required to maintain insurance coverage, during the term of the contract, at the levels described in *Appendix D-I, Insurance Requirements*. Proposer agrees to provide the required certificates of insurance providing verification of the minimum insurance requirements in *Appendix D-I*, within ten (10) business days of MTC's notice that it is the successful Proposer. Requests to change MTC's insurance requirements should be submitted on or prior to the closing date for receipt of requests for clarifications/exceptions. MTC will review the requests and issue an addendum if material changes requested by a prospective Proposer are acceptable. Objections to MTC determinations on requests to change insurance requirements pursuant to the protest provisions of this RFP must be brought to MTC's attention no later than the deadline for protesting RFP provisions or compliance with all material insurance requirements will be assumed.

The contract resulting from this RFP will be deliverables based, not to exceed a fixed total, with payment based on MTC's receiving of satisfactory deliverables by phase.

C. Selection Disputes

A Proposer may object to a provision of the RFP on the grounds that it is arbitrary, biased, or unduly restrictive, or to the selection of a particular Proposer on the grounds that MTC procedures, the provisions of the RFP or applicable provisions of federal, state or local law have been violated or inaccurately or inappropriately applied by submitting to the Project Manager a written explanation of the basis for the protest:

1. No later than 4:00 p.m. on the third business day prior to the date proposals are due, for objections to RFP provisions; or
2. No later than 4:00 p.m. on the third business day after the date the firm is notified that it did not meet the minimum qualifications or was found to be non-responsive; or
3. No later than 4:00 p.m. on the third business day after the date on which the firm is notified that it was not selected, or if applicable the date the appropriate committee authorizes award, whichever is later, for objections to Proposer selection.

Except with regard to initial determinations of non-responsiveness, the evaluation record shall remain confidential until the MTC Administration Committee authorizes award.

Protests of recommended awards must clearly and specifically describe the basis for the protest in sufficient detail for the MTC review officer to recommend a resolution to the MTC Executive Director.

The MTC Executive Director will respond to the protest in writing, based on the recommendation of a staff review officer. Should a Proposer wish to appeal the decision of the MTC Executive Director, it may file a written appeal with the MTC Administration Committee, no later than 4:00 p.m. on the third business day after receipt of the written response from the MTC Executive Director. The MTC Administration Committee's decision will be the final agency decision.

Authorization to award an agreement to a particular Proposer by MTC shall be deemed conditional until the expiration of the protest period or, if a protest is filed, the issuance of a written response to the protest by the MTC Executive Director or, if the decision of the MTC Executive Director is appealed, the issuance of the MTC Administration Committee's decision.

D. Public Records

This RFP and any material submitted in response to this RFP are subject to public inspection under the California Public Records Act (Government Code §6250 *et seq.*), unless exempt by law. Other than proprietary

information or other information exempt from disclosure by law, the content of proposals submitted to MTC will be made available for inspection consistent with its policy regarding Public Records Act requests.

If the Proposer believes any proposal content contains trade secrets or other proprietary information that the Proposer believes would cause substantial injury to the Proposer's competitive position if disclosed, the Proposer may request that MTC withhold from disclosure such proprietary materials by marking each page containing proprietary information, including financial information, if any, required to be submitted under Section VII of this RFP, as confidential and shall include the following notice at the front of its proposal:

“The data on the following pages of this proposal, including financial information submitted under Section VII of the RFP marked along the right margin with a vertical line, contain technical or financial information that constitute trade secrets and/or that, if disclosed, would cause substantial injury to the Proposer's competitive position. The Proposer requests that such data be used for review by MTC only, but understands that exemption from disclosure will be limited by MTC's obligations under the California Public Records Act. If an agreement is awarded to the Proposer submitting this proposal, MTC shall have the right to use or disclose the data, unless otherwise provided by law. [List pages].”

Failure to include this notice with relevant page numbers shall render any “confidential/proprietary” markings inadequate. Individual pages shall accordingly not be treated confidentially. **Any language purporting to render the entire proposal confidential or proprietary will be regarded as ineffective and will be disregarded. In addition, the Proposer may not designate any required proposal forms or the cost proposal as confidential. Consequently, any language purporting to render any proposal forms or the cost proposal as confidential or proprietary will be regarded as ineffective and will be disregarded.**

In the event properly marked data is requested pursuant to the California Public Records Act, the Proposer will be advised of the request. If the proposal requests that MTC withhold such data from disclosure and MTC complies with the Proposer's request, the Proposer shall assume all responsibility for any challenges resulting from the non-disclosure; indemnify and defend MTC and hold it harmless from and against all claims, legal proceedings, and resulting damages and costs (including but not limited to attorneys' fees that may be awarded to the party requesting such Proposer information); and pay any and all costs and expenses relating to the withholding of the Proposer information.

If the Proposer does not mark each page containing proprietary information as confidential, does not include the statement described above at the front of its proposal, and does not request that MTC withhold information marked as confidential and requested under the California Public Records Act, MTC shall have no obligation to withhold the information from disclosure, and the Proposer shall not have a right to make a claim or maintain any legal action against MTC or its commissioners, officers, employees or agents in connection with such disclosure.

E. Key Personnel

Key Proposer personnel assigned to the project are expected to remain on the project. Any change in key personnel on the proposed project team is subject to prior written approval of MTC. Removal of any key personnel identified in the proposal without written consent of the MTC Project Manager may be considered a material breach of contract.

F. Conflicts Of Interest

By submitting a proposal, the Proposer represents and warrants that no commissioner, officer or employee of MTC is in any manner interested directly or indirectly in the proposal or in the contract that may be made under it or in any profits expected to arise therefrom, as set forth in California Government Code Section 1090.

The Proposer further warrants and represents that it presently has no interest and agrees that it will not acquire any interest that would present a conflict of interest under California Government Code Sections 1090 *et seq.* or 87100 *et seq.* during the performance of services under any contract resulting from this RFP and that it will not knowingly employ any person having such an interest. Violation of this provision may result in the contract being deemed void and unenforceable.

Whenever MTC is awarding a contract that involves the rendering of advice, it will consider whether there exists the potential for bias, because of other activities, relationships or contracts of the Proposer, and if so, whether any potential bias can be mitigated acceptably by MTC and the Proposer. After award, the winning Proposer shall take all reasonable measures to preclude the existence or development of an organizational conflict of interest in connection with work performed under the agreement resulting from this and other MTC solicitations. An organizational conflict of interest occurs when, due to other activities, relationships, or contracts, a firm or person is unable, or potentially unable, to render impartial assistance or advice to MTC; a firm or person's objectivity in performing the contract work is or might be impaired; or a firm or person has an unfair competitive advantage in proposing for award of a contract as a result of information gained in performance of this or some other project.

Proposer shall not engage the services of any subcontractor or independent contractor on any work related to this RFP if the subcontractor or independent contractor, or any employee of the subcontractor or independent contractor, has an actual or apparent organizational conflict of interest related to work or services contemplated under this RFP.

G. Not Used

H. Not Used

I. Web-Based Communication

Proposer agrees to submit all communication and required documentation, including but not limited to invoices, requests for contract modifications, etc. to the MTC Project Manager or his/her designee via a web-based system designated by MTC to which MTC will provide system access.

J. Not Used

APPENDIX A, SCOPE OF WORK

The services to be performed by CONSULTANT in preparing the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) are described in this Scope of Work. The proposal to be prepared by CONSULTANT will detail how CONSULTANT will accomplish the tasks and deliverables contained in this Scope of Work as well as identify any other necessary tasks and deliverables and how they will be accomplished. CONSULTANT may also propose optional tasks or sub-tasks, along with corresponding budget and schedule that may further help facilitate the preparation of the EIR.

CONSULTANT must ensure that all requirements of the CEQA process are properly executed, technical analyses are thoroughly completed and all parts of the EIR document comply with CEQA and other applicable state and federal laws, as well as settlement agreements referred to in *Section I, Background and Project Description, Part 2, EIR Approach* of the RFP.

CONSULTANT shall deliver all work products shall be delivered in draft form pursuant to the schedule established by MTC. CONSULTANT shall then revise the work product to reflect MTC and agency review comments, and then resubmit in final form for approval by the agency project team. CONSULTANT will primarily interface with the MTC EIR Project Manager in executing the scope of work. The MTC EIR Project Manager will coordinate the review and acceptance of all deliverables by the agency project team and will provide the CONSULTANT with a single, consolidated set of revisions. The agency project team includes planning and legal staff as well as consulting CEQA counsel.

PHASE ONE: KICK-OFF, SCOPING, SETTINGS UPDATES

Estimated Schedule: To Be Determined

Task 1: Kick-Off Meeting

Within two weeks of execution of the contract, CONSULTANT shall schedule a kick-off meeting with the agency team, to discuss key issues prior to commencement of work. Tasks in the scope of works shall be refined, assigned to responsible parties (i.e., CONSULTANT and/or agency team), and adjusted if necessary. The project schedule will also be confirmed and further refined.

CONSULTANT will propose a detailed flow of data and analysis between the technical and GIS staff at MTC and CONSULTANT including responsibilities for data collection and manipulation, modeling, mapping, and analysis.

CONSULTANT will raise and address any other specific issues and concerns to be considered when preparing the EIR, and offer recommendations on how to address them. This includes any legal issues that may need further input from agency general counsels and consulting CEQA counsel.

Deliverable #1: Kick off meeting; refined tasks by responsible party, schedule, and proposed workflow between responsible parties; meeting/call minutes

Task 2: Revised EIR introductions and Environmental Settings

Using strike out and redline format, CONSULTANT will commence work on EIR by refreshing, updating, and verifying the introduction and Environmental Setting for each topical chapter of Part Two of the DEIR for MTC's Environmental Impact Report for Plan Bay Area (July 2013). This will include any changes made to the chapter in the Final EIR, and research to identify new legislation and relevant court decisions, and research to determine any changes in regulations or approach since drafting of the prior EIR.

Deliverable #2: Revised EIR Part Two chapters – Introductions and Environmental Settings

Task 3: Participate in the EIR Scoping Process

By the time the contract is executed, it is anticipated that the NOP will have already been released for review and comment. CONSULTANT will undertake the following:

- Participate in three scoping meetings; and
- Compile and assess appropriate consideration of NOP comments.

CONSULTANT will prepare presentation materials (e.g., PowerPoint slideshow) and/or boards and handouts. CONSULTANT will make presentations on the EIR and/or respond to questions regarding the EIR process at the scoping meetings. Agency staff will address questions regarding the project.

Following the close of the NOP comment period, CONSULTANT will meet with agency staff to review the NOP comments, and will subsequently prepare an NOP comments matrix that compiles and evaluates written and oral NOP comments and recommends how/where to address the comments in the EIR.

Deliverable #3: Scoping Meetings, NOP Comments Meeting, and NOP Comments Memo

Satisfactory delivery and acceptance of the deliverables associated with Phase One shall constitute a budgetary milestone for which invoicing and payment can occur.

PHASE TWO: TECHNICAL ANALYSIS AND PROJECT IMPACT ANALYSIS

Estimated Schedule: To Be Determined

Task 4: Confirm EIR Alternatives

CONSULTANT will provide feedback regarding the performance of the identified alternatives during the writing of the Impact Analyses for each topical chapter. If an additional or modified alternative is necessary to satisfy the requirements of CEQA, CONSULTANT will so advise MTC and incorporate the necessary changes.

For costing purposes, assume the EIR will analyze at a comparative level consistent with the requirements of CEQA, the No Project alternative and three additional alternatives.

CONSULTANT will prepare a brief memo advising MTC regarding the performance of the alternatives in terms of adequacy under CEQA.

Deliverable #4: EIR Alternatives Memo

Task 5: Prepare EIR Introductory Chapters

CONSULTANT will update the Introduction and Study Approach and Overview of the Proposed Project chapters.

Deliverable #5: Introduction and Study Approach Chapter, Overview of the Proposed Project Chapter

Task 6: Undertake Impact Analysis

CONSULTANT will conduct the environmental assessment of the proposed project and alternatives to the proposed project for all environmental issue areas identified for this EIR. This task includes, but is not limited to:

- Conducting all necessary technical studies and analysis;
- Conducting all analyses for the DEIR, including but not limited to the following:
 - Conducting impact assessment of the proposed project and alternatives for all environmental issue areas;
 - Identifying level of significance for all environmental impacts;
 - Conducting cumulative impact and growth-inducing impact evaluations;
 - Identifying mitigation measures for all significant impacts (including assigning appropriate entity/lead agency responsible for carrying out the mitigations);
- Preparing all supporting graphics and GIS-based maps;
- Preparing all necessary data tables;
- Preparing all necessary appendices;
- Coordinating with the agency GIS and modeling team to develop an inventory of all appropriate land use, transportation and air quality data sets including data sources, gaps, limitations, definitions, etc., and as defined by SB 375 statute; and
- Coordinating with agency staff to understand and gain access to studies and tasks required under the settlement agreements.

MTC will be responsible for the following to be integrated/utilized by CONSULTANT in the EIR as appropriate:

- Travel demand modeling and transportation analysis for the project and all alternatives;
- Estimation of greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector for the project and all alternatives;
- Air quality emissions from the transportation sector for the project and all alternatives; and
- Toxic air contaminants from the transportation sector for the project and all alternatives.

For the items above, CONSULTANT will review all output, coordinate with MTC technical staff regarding results, prepare all maps and figures, and ensure CEQA compliance and document consistency.

As part of the environmental assessment, CONSULTANT will identify all impacts (including direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts), and develop useful and effective mitigation measure(s) for each identified impact. CONSULTANT will identify significant impacts that can be mitigated, their level of significance after mitigation, and identify unavoidable significant impacts.

CONSULTANT will revise and update all EIR chapters, using work products from all tasks identified above as appropriate.

CONSULTANT will also prepare all the necessary supporting graphics (i.e., bar charts, pie charts, tables, etc.) and GIS-based maps, data tables, and technical appendices. CONSULTANT will use the most up-to-date literature, maps, databases and other resources, as available and appropriate, and will document all sources. Report graphics and maps will be designed for black and white printing, however, if needed, certain graphics and maps may be designed for color printing.

Agency GIS staff will geocode proposed transportation projects and land use characteristics in GIS but CONSULTANT will prepare final graphics and maps for the EIR. CONSULTANT will coordinate with MTC GIS and graphics staff when designing and creating all maps that will become report graphics in the EIR document. This coordination activity among agency staff and CONSULTANT is intended to sort through and identify the appropriate software, map layers, formats, file transfers, and other technical mapping and graphics details. CONSULTANT will provide MTC all finished maps in hard-copy and electronic format, along with supporting map layers, so that MTC can print and modify the maps, if necessary.

Deliverable #6: Revised EIR Part Two chapters – Impact Analyses; Revised EIR Part Three -- Alternatives

Satisfactory delivery and acceptance of the deliverables associated with Phase Two shall constitute a budgetary milestone for which invoicing and payment can occur.

PHASE THREE: ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS AND ALL OTHER CHAPTERS/SECTIONS

Estimated Schedule: To Be Determined

Task 7: Assess EIR Project Alternatives

CONSULTANT will assess the environmental effects of the project alternatives for all identified environmental issue areas.

CONSULTANT will design and conduct the alternatives analysis in a way that: (a) assesses the environmental effects of each alternative; (b) compares the environmental effects of the alternatives to the proposed project in an easy-to-understand matrix; (c) identifies the environmentally superior alternative; and (d) allows decision-makers to potentially select and adopt any one alternative over the proposed project.

Deliverable #7: Draft Alternatives Analysis Chapter

Task 8: Evaluate Significant Irreversible, Growth-Inducing and Cumulative Impacts

CONSULTANT will assess the impacts of all proposed alternatives in several subject areas specifically required by CEQA, including significant irreversible, growth-inducing and cumulative impacts with MTC's assistance on transportation-related effects.

CONSULTANT shall prepare the Other CEQA Considerations chapter, using work products from all tasks identified above as appropriate.

Deliverable #8: Draft Chapter on Other CEQA Considerations

Task 9: Prepare Executive Summary

CONSULTANT will prepare the Executive Summary including a summary table that lists all the impacts and mitigation measures for each resource category.

Deliverable #9: Executive Summary chapter

Task 10: Prepare Administrative Draft

CONSULTANT will integrate all completed work from above tasks into a single administrative DEIR for review by the MTC Project Manager and the agency project team. The administrative DEIR shall include but is not limited to, the following key elements:

- Executive Summary that explains the purpose and scope of EIR, EIR organization, study approach, RTP/SCS background, agency and public consultation effort, environmentally superior alternative, summary of impacts and mitigation, and so on;
- Introduction and Study Approach Chapter;
- Overview of the Proposed Project Chapter;
- Chapters on Environmental Assessments;
- Chapter on Alternatives Analysis;
- Chapter on Other CEQA Considerations; and
- All necessary report graphics; “front matter” (which includes title page, table of contents, list of figures and tables, etc.); and “back matter” (which includes report authors, technical appendices, etc.).

CONSULTANT will prepare an EIR that is legally defensible. Tables and graphs shall be used to explicitly illustrate findings. All text must be written in clear and concise prose that is easily understood by decision-makers and the general public.

CONSULTANT will provide the MTC Project Manager the administrative draft EIR in Microsoft Word and in PDF files for internal review.

Deliverable #10: Complete Administrative Draft EIR (x printed copies delivered and one electronic copy)

Satisfactory delivery and acceptance of the deliverables associated with Phase Three shall constitute a budgetary milestone for which invoicing and payment can occur.

PHASE FOUR: SCREENCHECK AND DRAFT EIR (DEIR)

Estimated Schedule: To Be Determined

CONSULTANT will review the agency staff comments on all prior deliverables, and prepare a screencheck DEIR that fully responds to all agency staff comments and concerns.

Task 11: Complete Screencheck DEIR (electronic copy)

CONSULTANT will review the agency staff comments on the screencheck DEIR and prepare a final DEIR that fully responds to all agency staff comments and concerns, and is ready for public release.

CONSULTANT shall submit electronically all documents referenced in the EIR in order to satisfy the requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15087(c)(5).

CONSULTANT will be responsible for filing a Notice of Completion (NOC) and NOA with the State Office of Planning and Research and county clerks for each of the nine Bay Area counties, including paying the cost of the filing fees (which includes county clerk processing fee, Department of Fish and Game filing fee payment, and any other applicable filing fees).

CONSULTANT will file on the same day that MTC release the DEIR for the 45-day public review. CONSULTANT will provide the MTC Project Manager with documentation that the NOC and DEIR have been properly filed.

MTC will be responsible for distribution of the Notice of Availability for the DEIR to other parties as required under CEQA and publishing public notice in an appropriate newspaper(s).

Deliverable #11: Draft EIR (x printed copies, y stick drive copies, and electronic copies (WORD and PDF) in a format satisfactory to MTC, and Filing Documentation with State Office of Planning and Research and the nine Bay Area County Clerks Offices

Satisfactory delivery and acceptance of the deliverables associated with Phase Four shall constitute a budgetary milestone for which invoicing and payment can occur.

PHASE FIVE: FINAL EIR (FEIR) AND CERTIFICATION

Estimated Schedule: To Be Determined

Task 12: Attend Hearing on DEIR

MTC will hold three public hearings on the Draft RTP/SCS and DEIR. CONSULTANT will attend these hearings and make arrangements for a court reporter to provide a record of comments received. CONSULTANT will assist MTC with preparing presentation materials for the public hearings.

Deliverable #12: Attend hearings; prepare presentation materials; provide court reporter transcripts.

Task 13: Assess DEIR Comments

At the close of the comment period MTC will provide copies of all comments to the Consultant. CONSULTANT will compile, bracket, number and assess all written and oral EIR comments (including hearing transcripts). CONSULTANT will prepare a matrix of comments by number and make recommendations regarding who should draft the response and whether any expansion of scope or budget is necessary in order to draft the Final EIR. CONSULTANT will attend a meeting with agency staff to discuss the comments and recommendations. MTC will address and prepare responses to comments on the plan, and transportation and air quality-related comments. However, CONSULTANT will review and provide technical comments on the draft responses to these topics to ensure CEQA compliance and document consistency.

Deliverable #13: Prepare comment matrix; attend comment review meeting.

Task 14: Prepare Administrative Final EIR

CONSULTANT will coordinate with MTC regarding the preferred format for the FEIR. CONSULTANT shall prepare written responses to the DEIR comments, and integrate those responses prepared by others for inclusion in the Final EIR. CONSULTANT will recommend and make the appropriate changes to the DEIR to reflect any necessary technical corrections or revisions in response to comments. The revised text of the DEIR will be a section in the Final EIR. To the extent comments are submitted before the close of the comment period, CONSULTANT will begin drafting responses to those letters.

MTC will address and prepare responses to comments on the plan, and transportation and air quality-related comments. However, CONSULTANT will review and provide technical comments on the draft responses to these topics to ensure CEQA compliance and document consistency.

Deliverable #14: Administrative FEIR

Task 15: Prepare Screencheck and Final EIR

CONSULTANT will review the agency staff comments, and prepare a screencheck Final EIR that fully responds to all agency staff comments and concerns.

Deliverable #15a: Complete screencheck Final EIR (electronic copy)

CONSULTANT will review the agency staff comments on the screencheck FEIR and prepare a final Final EIR that fully responds to all agency staff comments and concerns, and is ready for public release.

MTC will be responsible for distribution of the Notice of Availability for the FEIR to other parties as required under CEQA and publishing public notice in an appropriate newspaper(s).

Deliverable #15b: Final EIR (x printed copies, y stick drive copies, and electronic copies (WORD and pdf) a format satisfactory to MTC

Task 16: EIR Certification

CONSULTANT will draft the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) as part of the EIR certification process. CONSULTANT will finalize the MMRP based on comments received from the agency staff. CONSULTANT will work closely with the special CEQA counsel to prepare the Findings of Fact for certification of the FEIR. CONSULTANT will attend Plan adoption hearings to answer questions on the EIR and CEQA process.

Following certification of the EIR and adoption of the plan, CONSULTANT will prepare and file the Notice of Determination with the State Office of Planning and Research and the county clerks for each of the nine Bay Area counties, including paying the cost of the filing fees (which includes county clerk processing fee, Department of Fish and Game filing fee payment, and any other applicable filing fees). CONSULTANT will provide MTC the documentation that the NOD has been filed. The filing must be completed within three days after joint certification of the Final EIR by MTC.

Deliverable #16: Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; Attend hearings; Notice of Determination

Satisfactory delivery and acceptance of the deliverables associated with Phase Five shall constitute a budgetary milestone for which invoicing and payment can occur.

APPENDIX B, COST PROPOSAL FORM

PHASE 1

Task	Key Personnel (Name)	Firm	Rate/hour	Est. hours
1.			\$xx	
2.				
3.				
4.				

Phase 1 Subtotal: \$_____, __% of total

PHASE 2

Task	Key Personnel (Name)	Firm	Rate/hour	Est. hours
5.			\$xx	
6.				
7.				

Phase 2 Subtotal: \$_____, __% of total

PHASE 3

Task	Key Personnel (Name)	Firm	Rate/hour	Est. hours
8.			\$xx	
9.				
10.				
11.				

Phase 3 Subtotal: \$_____, __% of total

PHASE 4

Task	Key Personnel (Name)	Firm	Rate/hour	Est. hours
12.			\$xx	

Phase 4 Subtotal: \$_____, __% of total

PHASE 5

Task	Key Personnel (Name)	Firm	Rate/hour	Est. hours
13.			\$xx	
14.				
15.				
16.				

Phase 5 Subtotal: \$_____, __% of total

TOTAL \$_____

APPENDIX C, CALIFORNIA LEVINE ACT STATEMENT

California Government Code § 84308, commonly referred to as the “Levine Act,” precludes an officer of a local government agency from participating in the award of a contract if he or she receives any political contributions totaling more than \$250 in the 12 months preceding the pendency of the contract award, and for three months following the final decision, from the person or company awarded the contract. This prohibition applies to contributions to the officer, or received by the officer on behalf of any other officer, or on behalf of any candidate for office or on behalf of any committee.

MTC’s commissioners include:

Alicia C. Aguirre	Federal D. Glover	Julie Pierce
Tom Azumbrado	Scott Haggerty	Bijan Sartipi
Jason Baker	Anne W. Halsted	Libby Schaaf
Tom Bates	Steve Kinsey	James P. Spering
David Campos	Sam Liccardo	Adrienne J. Tissier
Dave Cortese	Mark Luce	Scott Wiener
Dorene M. Giacomini	Jake Mackenzie	Amy Rein Worth

1. Have you or your company, or any agent on behalf of you or your company, made any political contributions of more than \$250 to any MTC commissioner in the 12 months preceding the date of the issuance of this request for qualifications?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please identify the commissioner: _____

2. Do you or your company, or any agency on behalf of you or your company, anticipate or plan to make any political contributions of more than \$250 to any MTC commissioners in the three months following the award of the contract?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please identify the commissioner: _____

Answering yes to either of the two questions above does not preclude MTC from awarding a contract to your firm. It does, however, preclude the identified commissioner(s) from participating in the contract award process for this contract.

DATE

(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL)

(TYPE OR WRITE APPROPRIATE NAME, TITLE)

(TYPE OR WRITE NAME OF COMPANY)

APPENDIX D, MTC STANDARD CONSULTANT CONTRACT

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

between

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

and

NAME OF CONSULTANT

for

PLAN BAY AREA 2040
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

FISCAL YEARS 2015-2016 to 2016-2017

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
Between METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
And **NAME OF CONSULTANT**
For PLAN BAY AREA 2040 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) is made and entered into as of the ____ day of _____, 2016, by and between the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (herein called “MTC”), a regional transportation planning agency established pursuant to California Government Code § 66500, and **NAME OF CONSULTANT**, (herein called “CONSULTANT”), a **PICK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:** partnership, _____[state of incorporation] corporation/ nonprofit corporation/joint venture organized under the laws of the State of _____.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, MTC intends to prepare a programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the updated Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) which is known as Plan Bay Area 2040 (or “the Plan”) (herein called the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the services required for the Project cannot be performed satisfactorily by the officers and employees of MTC; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto now wish to enter into this Agreement pursuant to which CONSULTANT will render professional services in connection with the Project as hereinafter provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

CONSULTANT’s services are described in Attachment A, Scope of Work, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. CONSULTANT agrees to perform or secure the performance of all specified services within the maximum payment specified in Article 3, subject to the prior written approval of a work plan by Adam Noelting, (herein called “MTC Project Manager”). The MTC Project Manager is responsible for communication with CONSULTANT and the administration of this Agreement. MTC’s Executive Director or designated representative may substitute a new MTC Project Manager by written notice to CONSULTANT.

CONSULTANT’s point of contact and the individual authorized to communicate to MTC on behalf of CONSULTANT is **INSERT NAME OF CONSULTANT’S PROJECT MANAGER** (“CONSULTANT Project Manager”). A change in the CONSULTANT Project Manager requires MTC’s prior written approval.

In the performance of its services, CONSULTANT represents that it has and will exercise the degree of professional care, skill, efficiency, and judgment of consultants with special expertise in providing such services, and CONSULTANT represents that it carries and will maintain all applicable licenses, certificates, and registrations needed for the work in current and good standing.

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1.1 PROGRESS REPORTS

CONSULTANT shall provide MTC with monthly progress reports according to the schedule and form approved by the MTC Project Manager.

1.2 SUBMISSION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

To the extent requested by the MTC Project Manager, CONSULTANT shall submit communications and required documentation, including but not limited to invoices, requests for contract modifications, and information on payments received and made to subconsultants, subconsultant utilization, and if applicable, certified payrolls, to the MTC PROJECT MANAGER or his or her designee via a one or more web-based systems designated by MTC to which MTC will provide CONSULTANT with system access. MTC may withhold payment of invoices pending receipt of such communications and required documentation via the applicable web-based system.

2. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

CONSULTANT's services hereunder shall commence on or after May 11, 2016, and shall be completed no later than July 30, 2017, unless extended by a duly executed amendment or earlier terminated, as hereinafter provided. CONSULTANT's services shall be performed in accordance with the schedule included in Attachment B, Project Schedule, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

3. COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

Subject to duly executed amendments, MTC will pay CONSULTANT for its services as described in Attachment A, Scope of Work, a total amount, including (as applicable) labor, supervision, applicable surcharges such as taxes, insurance, and fringe benefits, indirect costs, overhead, profit, subconsultants' costs (including mark-up), travel, equipment, materials and supplies, expenses and any fixed fee, not to exceed **[SPELL OUT AMOUNT IN WHOLE DOLLARS (\$_____)]** ("Maximum Payment"). MTC shall make payments to CONSULTANT in accordance with the provisions described in Attachment C, Compensation and Method of Payment, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

All invoices shall be submitted electronically via email to MTC at acctpay@mtc.ca.gov or in writing to:

Attention: Accounting Section
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter
101 - 8th Street
Oakland, CA 94607-4700

Payment shall be made by MTC within thirty (30) days of receipt of an acceptable invoice, approved by the MTC Project Manager or a designated representative.

4. KEY PERSONNEL

The key personnel to be assigned to this work by CONSULTANT and, if applicable, their hourly rates and the estimated hours to be supplied by each are set forth in *Attachment D, Key Personnel Assignments*, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Substitution of any of the personnel named in Attachment D or a decrease in the hours provided to the project by such personnel of more than 10% requires the prior written approval of the MTC Project Manager or a designee. CONSULTANT shall maintain records documenting compliance with this Article, and such records shall be subject to the audit requirements of Article 15. CONSULTANT agrees that all personnel assigned to this work will be professionally qualified for the assignment to be undertaken. MTC reserves the right to direct removal of any individual, including key personnel, assigned to this work.

5. AMENDMENTS

MTC reserves the right to request changes in the services to be performed by CONSULTANT. All such changes shall be incorporated in written amendments that specify the changes in work performed and any adjustments in compensation and schedule. All amendments shall be executed by the Executive Director or a designated representative and CONSULTANT and specifically identified as amendments to the Agreement. The MTC Project Manager is not a designated representative, for purposes of approving an amendment.

6. TERMINATION

A. Termination for Convenience. MTC may terminate this Agreement for convenience, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice to CONSULTANT. Upon receipt of notice of termination, CONSULTANT shall stop work under this Agreement immediately, to the extent provided in the notice of termination, and shall promptly submit its termination claim to MTC. CONSULTANT shall be reimbursed for costs incurred for incomplete deliverables up to the time of termination and a reasonable profit not to exceed 4%, plus reasonable termination costs, not to exceed the amount payable for such deliverables, If CONSULTANT has any property in its possession belonging to MTC, CONSULTANT will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner MTC directs. Except as provided above, MTC shall not in any manner be liable for CONSULTANT's actual or projected lost profits had CONSULTANT completed the services required by this Agreement.

B. Termination for Default. If CONSULTANT does not deliver the work products specified in this Agreement in accordance with the delivery schedule or fails to perform in the manner called for in the Agreement, or if CONSULTANT fails to comply with any other material provision of the Agreement, MTC may terminate this Agreement for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a fifteen (15) day advance written notice of termination on CONSULTANT, setting forth the manner in which CONSULTANT is in default. If CONSULTANT does not cure the breach or describe to MTC's satisfaction a plan for curing the breach within the fifteen (15) day period, MTC may terminate the Agreement for default. In the event of such termination for default, CONSULTANT will be entitled to be reimbursed only for work performed in full compliance with the contract requirements as follows: CONSULTANT shall be reimbursed for costs incurred for incomplete deliverables up to the time of termination, not to exceed the amount payable for such deliverables. Such reimbursement will be offset by any costs incurred by MTC to complete work required under the Agreement. In no event shall MTC be required to reimburse CONSULTANT for any costs incurred for work causing or contributing to the default. If CONSULTANT has any property in its possession belonging to MTC, CONSULTANT will account for the same, and dispose of it in the manner MTC directs. MTC shall not in any manner be liable for CONSULTANT's actual or projected lost profits had CONSULTANT completed the services required by this Agreement.

C. If it is determined by MTC that CONSULTANT's failure to perform resulted from unforeseeable causes beyond the control of CONSULTANT, such as a strike, fire, flood, earthquake or other event that is not the fault of, or is beyond the control of CONSULTANT, MTC, after setting up a new delivery or performance schedule, may allow CONSULTANT to continue work, or treat the termination as a termination for convenience.

7. INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

CONSULTANT shall, at its own expense, obtain and maintain in effect at all times for the duration of this Agreement the types of insurance and financial security listed in Attachment E, Insurance and Financial Security (Bond) Provisions, attached hereto and incorporated herein, against claims, damages and losses due to injuries to persons or damage to property or other losses that may arise in connection with the performance of work under this Agreement. All policies will be issued by insurers acceptable to MTC, generally with a Best's Rating of A- or better with a Financial Size Category of VIII or better.

8. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

CONSULTANT is an independent contractor and not an employee or agent of MTC and has no authority to contract or enter into any agreement in the name of MTC. CONSULTANT has, and hereby retains, full control over the employment, direction, compensation and discharge of all persons employed by CONSULTANT who are assisting in the performance of services under this Agreement. CONSULTANT shall be fully responsible for all matters relating to the payment of its employees, including compliance with social

security, withholding tax and all other laws and regulations governing such matters. CONSULTANT shall be responsible for its own acts and those of its agents and employees during the term of this Agreement.

9. INDEMNIFICATION

To the maximum extent permitted by law, CONSULTANT shall indemnify, keep and hold harmless MTC and those entities (if any) identified as additional insureds in Attachment E, Insurance and Financial Security (Bond) Provisions, and their commissioners, directors, officers, agents, and employees (“MTC Indemnified Parties”) against any and all demands, claims, suits or actions arising out of any of the following:

- A. Any injury or death to persons or property or pecuniary, financial or economic losses that may occur, or that may be alleged to have occurred, caused by any breach of the Agreement or negligent act or omission or willful misconduct of CONSULTANT or its officers, employees, subconsultants or agents or any of them, arising from, under or in connection with this Agreement; or
- B. Any allegation that materials or services provided by CONSULTANT under this Agreement infringe or violate any copyright, trademark, patent, trade secret, or any other intellectual-property or proprietary right of any third party.

CONSULTANT further agrees to defend any and all such claims, actions, suits or other legal proceedings and pay all charges of attorneys and all other costs and expenses of defenses as they are incurred. If any judgment is rendered against any of the MTC Indemnified Parties, CONSULTANT shall, at its expense, satisfy and discharge the same.

The provisions set forth in this Article are intended to be applied to the fullest extent allowed under the law and, if any portion of it is found to be void or unenforceable, the remainder is to be severable and enforceable. This indemnification shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

10. DATA TO BE FURNISHED BY MTC

All data, reports, surveys, studies, drawings, software (object or source code), electronic databases, and any other information, documents or materials (“MTC Data”) made available to CONSULTANT by MTC for use by CONSULTANT in the performance of its services under this Agreement shall remain the property of MTC and shall be returned to MTC at the completion or termination of this Agreement. No license to such MTC Data, outside of the Scope of Work of the Project, is conferred or implied by CONSULTANT’s use or possession of such MTC Data. Any updates, revisions, additions or enhancements to such MTC Data made by CONSULTANT in the context of the Project shall be the property of MTC and subject to the provisions of Article 11.

10.1 NOT USED

10.2 NONDISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

MTC may be required to make available to CONSULTANT certain confidential, non-public or proprietary information (“Confidential Information”) for purposes of carrying out the Project. Confidential Information may be tangible, intangible, visual, oral, written, and/or electronic information, present or future, and includes: (i) proprietary information learned through inspection of drawings, specifications or equipment; (ii) descriptions of proprietary processes, designs, functionality or know-how; (iii) proprietary software, programming data, code or information; and (iv) other information disclosed in writing and marked as “Confidential” or with a similar notice. As between MTC and CONSULTANT, Confidential Information shall remain the sole and exclusive property of MTC, and no license or other rights to Confidential Information or any works deriving from Confidential Information is granted or implied hereby. Confidential Information does not include information that: a) is now or subsequently becomes generally available to the public through no fault of CONSULTANT; b) CONSULTANT can demonstrate to have had rightfully in its possession prior to disclosure by MTC or its contractors, vendors or licensors; c) CONSULTANT rightfully obtains from a third party who has the right to transfer or disclose it; or (d) is required to be disclosed by law or applicable legal process.

CONSULTANT agrees to take all necessary and reasonable precautions to maintain the confidentiality of Confidential Information and agrees not to use, copy, distribute or disclose such Confidential Information except for the business purpose underlying this Agreement, except as authorized in writing by MTC. CONSULTANT further agrees to disclose Confidential Information only to its directors, officers, employees and consultants who need to know such information, and who have agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Promptly upon the request of MTC, at any time and for any reason, CONSULTANT shall destroy or return to MTC, at MTC’s option, all documents, computer files and other tangible materials that contain Confidential Information. These obligations survive the termination of this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed in writing by MTC.

11. OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCTS

All drawings, designs, specifications, manuals, reports, studies, surveys, models, software, source code and source code documentation, documentation or system architecture and any other documents, materials, data and products (“Work Products”) prepared or assembled and furnished to MTC by CONSULTANT or its subconsultants pursuant to this Agreement shall be and are the property of MTC. MTC shall be entitled to copies and access to these materials during the progress of the work. Any such materials remaining in the hands of CONSULTANT or in the hands of any subconsultant upon completion or termination of the work shall be immediately delivered to MTC. CONSULTANT hereby assigns to MTC ownership of any and all rights, title and interest in and to such Work Products, including ownership of any copyright, patent, trademark, trade secret, or other intellectual property or proprietary rights in the Work Product. CONSULTANT also agrees to execute all papers necessary for MTC to perfect its ownership of the rights in the Work Product. Notwithstanding the above, “Work Products” are not intended nor shall they be construed to include

CONSULTANT'S pre-existing intellectual property secured, developed, written, or produced by CONSULTANT prior to the execution of this Agreement or developed concurrently with this Agreement but not specifically for this Agreement; CONSULTANT shall retain all right, title and interest in any such pre-existing intellectual property.

CONSULTANT shall be responsible for the preservation of any and all such Work Products prior to transmittal to MTC, and CONSULTANT shall replace any such Work Products as are lost, destroyed, or damaged while in its possession without additional cost to MTC.

CONSULTANT represents and warrants that all materials prepared under this Agreement are original or developed from materials in the public domain (or both) and that all materials prepared under and services provided under this Agreement do not infringe or violate any copyright, trademark, patent, trade secret, or other intellectual-property or proprietary right of any third party.

12. SUBCONTRACTS

[FOR AGREEMENTS WITH SUBCONSULTANTS AT OUTSET]

A. Subconsultants approved by MTC for subcontract work under this Agreement are listed in Attachment G, Subconsultant List, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Any subconsultants must be engaged under written contract with CONSULTANT with provisions allowing CONSULTANT to comply with all requirements of this Agreement, including without limitation Article 11, OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCTS. Failure of a subconsultant to provide insurance in accordance with Article 7, INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, shall be at the risk of CONSULTANT. Any substitution of subconsultants listed in Attachment G must be approved in writing by MTC's Project Manager in advance of assigning work to a substitute subconsultant.

[FOR AGREEMENTS WITH NO SUBCONSULTANTS AT OUTSET]

A. No subconsultants are currently approved by MTC for work under this Agreement. In advance of the assignment of any work to a subconsultant, such subconsultant must be approved in writing by the MTC Project Manager and engaged under written contract with CONSULTANT with provisions allowing CONSULTANT to comply with all requirements of this Agreement, including without limitation Article 11, OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCTS. Failure of a subconsultant to provide insurance in accordance with Article 7, INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, shall be at the risk of CONSULTANT.

B. Nothing contained in this Agreement or otherwise, shall create any contractual relation between MTC and any subconsultants, and no subcontract shall relieve CONSULTANT of his/her responsibilities and obligations hereunder. CONSULTANT agrees to be as fully responsible to MTC for the acts and omissions of its subconsultants and of persons either directly or indirectly employed by any of them as it is for the acts and omissions of persons directly employed by CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT's obligation to pay its subconsultants is an independent obligation from MTC's obligation to make payments to CONSULTANT.

C. Applicable provisions of this Agreement shall be included in any subcontract or subconsultant agreement in excess of \$25,000 entered into under of this Agreement.

13. ASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT

CONSULTANT shall not assign this Agreement, or any part hereof without prior express written consent of the MTC Project Manager or a designated representative, and any attempt thereat shall be void and unenforceable.

14. RECORDS

CONSULTANT agrees to establish and maintain an accounting system conforming to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) that is adequate to accumulate and segregate reasonable, allowable, and allocable project costs. CONSULTANT further agrees to keep all records pertaining to the project being funded for audit purposes for a minimum of four (4) years following the fiscal year of last expenditure under the Agreement; or until completion of any litigation, claim or audit, whichever is longer.

15. AUDITS

CONSULTANT shall permit MTC and MTC's authorized representatives to have access to CONSULTANT's books, records, accounts, and any and all work products, materials, and other data relevant to this Agreement, for the purpose of making an audit, examination, excerpt and transcription during the term of this Agreement and for the period specified in Article 14. CONSULTANT shall in no event dispose of, destroy, alter, or mutilate said books, records, accounts, work products, materials and data for that period of time.

CONSULTANT further agrees to include in all its subcontracts hereunder exceeding \$25,000 a provision to the effect that the subconsultant agrees that MTC or any of MTC's duly authorized representatives shall have access to and the right to examine any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of such subconsultant for the term specified above.

16. NOTICES

Except for invoices submitted by CONSULTANT pursuant to Article 3, all notices or other communications to either party by the other shall be deemed given when made in writing and delivered, mailed, emailed, or faxed to such party at their respective addresses as follows:

To MTC:	Attention: Adam Noelting Metropolitan Transportation Commission 101 - 8th Street Oakland, CA 94607-4700 Email: anoelting@mtc.ca.gov Fax: (510) 817-5848
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To CONSULTANT:	Attention: Insert Name of Appropriate Person Consultant's name Consultant's address Consultant's address
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Email: X
Fax: X

17. SOLICITATION OF CONTRACT

CONSULTANT warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or persons, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONSULTANT, to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person other than bona fide employees working solely for CONSULTANT, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of the Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, MTC shall have the right to terminate the Agreement without liability or, at its discretion, the right to deduct from CONSULTANT's maximum payment the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or contingent consideration.

18. PROHIBITED INTERESTS

CONSULTANT covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner or degree or have the potential of conflicting with the performance of services required under the Agreement or the impartial rendering of assistance or advice to MTC. CONSULTANT further covenants that in the performance of the Agreement no person having any such interest shall be employed.

No member, officer, employee or agent of MTC, during his/her tenure shall have any prohibited interest as defined by California Government Code Sections 1090, *et seq.* and 87100 *et seq.*, direct or indirect, in the Agreement or the proceeds thereof. Prohibited interests include interests of immediate family members, domestic partners, and their employers or prospective employers. Accordingly, CONSULTANT further covenants that it has made a complete disclosure to MTC of all facts of which CONSULTANT is aware upon due inquiry bearing upon any possible interest, direct or indirect, that it believes any member, officer, agent or employee of MTC (or an immediate family member, domestic partner or employer or prospective employer of such member, officer, agent or employee) presently has, or will have in the Agreement, or in the performance thereof, or in any portion of the profits thereunder. Willful failure to make such disclosure, if any, shall constitute grounds for cancellation and termination hereof by MTC.

18.1 ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

CONSULTANT shall take all reasonable measures to preclude the existence or development of an organizational conflict of interest in connection with work performed under this Agreement. An organizational conflict of interest occurs when, due to other activities, relationships, or contracts, a firm or person is unable, or potentially unable, to render impartial assistance or advice to MTC; a firm or person's objectivity in performing the contract work is or might be impaired; or a firm or person has an unfair competitive advantage in proposing for award of a contract as a result of information gained in performance of this or some other Agreement.

CONSULTANT shall not engage the services of any subconsultant or independent contractor on any work related to this Agreement if the subconsultant or independent contractor, or any employee of the subconsultant or independent contractor, has an actual or apparent organizational conflict of interest related to work or services contemplated under this Agreement.

If at any time during the term of this Agreement CONSULTANT becomes aware of an organizational conflict of interest in connection with the work performed hereunder, CONSULTANT shall immediately provide MTC with written notice of the facts and circumstances giving rise to this organizational conflict of interest. CONSULTANT's written notice will also propose alternatives for addressing or eliminating the organizational conflict of interest. If at any time during the period of performance of this Agreement, MTC becomes aware of an organizational conflict of interest in connection with CONSULTANT's performance of the work hereunder, MTC shall similarly notify CONSULTANT. In the event a conflict is presented, whether disclosed by CONSULTANT or discovered by MTC, MTC will consider the conflict presented and any alternatives proposed and meet with CONSULTANT to determine an appropriate course of action. MTC's determination as to the manner in which to address the conflict shall be final.

Failure to comply with this section may subject CONSULTANT to damages incurred by MTC in addressing organizational conflicts that arise out of work performed by CONSULTANT, or to termination of this Agreement for breach.

19. LAWS AND REGULATIONS

CONSULTANT shall comply with any and all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, and procedural requirements of any national, state, or local government, and of any agency of any such government, including but not limited to MTC, that relate to or in any manner affect the performance of the Agreement. Those laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations and procedural requirements that are imposed on MTC as a recipient of federal or state funds are hereby in turn imposed on CONSULTANT.

20. CLAIMS OR DISPUTES

CONSULTANT shall be solely responsible for providing timely written notice to MTC of any claims for additional compensation and/or time in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement. It is MTC's intent to investigate and attempt to resolve any CONSULTANT claims before CONSULTANT has performed any disputed work. Therefore, CONSULTANT's failure to provide timely notice shall constitute a waiver of CONSULTANT's claims for additional compensation and/or time.

CONSULTANT shall not be entitled to the payment of any additional compensation for any cause, including any act, or failure to act, by MTC, or the failure or refusal to issue a modification, or the happening of any event, thing, or occurrence, unless it has given MTC due written notice of a potential claim. The potential claim shall set forth the reasons for which CONSULTANT believes additional compensation may be due, the nature of the costs involved, and the amount of the potential claim.

Such notice shall be given to MTC prior to the time that CONSULTANT has started performance of the work giving rise to the potential claim for additional compensation.

If there is a dispute over any claim, CONSULTANT shall continue to work during the dispute resolution process in a diligent and timely manner as directed by MTC, and shall be governed by all applicable provisions of the Agreement. CONSULTANT shall maintain cost records of all work that is the basis of any dispute.

If an agreement can be reached that resolves CONSULTANT's claim, the parties will execute an Agreement modification to document the resolution of the claim. If the parties cannot reach an agreement with respect to CONSULTANT's claim, they may choose to pursue dispute resolution pursuant to Article 24, DISPUTE RESOLUTION, or MTC may terminate the Agreement.

21. REMEDIES FOR BREACH

In the event CONSULTANT fails to comply with the requirements of the Agreement in any way, MTC reserves the right to implement administrative remedies that may include, but are not limited to, withholding of progress payments and contract retentions, and termination of the Agreement in whole or in part.

The duties and obligations imposed by the Agreement and the rights and remedies available thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law. No action or failure to act by MTC or CONSULTANT shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded any of them under the Agreement, nor shall any such action or failure to act constitute an approval of or acquiescence in any breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.

22. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF WORK

MTC, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to stop or suspend all or any portion of the work for such period as MTC may deem necessary. The suspension may be due to the failure on the part of CONSULTANT to carry out orders given or to perform any provision of the Agreement or to factors that are not the responsibility of CONSULTANT. CONSULTANT shall comply immediately with the written order of MTC to suspend the work wholly or in part. The suspended work shall be resumed when CONSULTANT is provided with written direction from MTC to resume the work.

If the suspension is due to CONSULTANT's failure to perform work or carry out its responsibilities in accordance with this Agreement, or other action or omission on the part of CONSULTANT, all costs shall be at CONSULTANT's expense and no schedule extensions will be provided by MTC.

In the event of a suspension of the work, CONSULTANT shall not be relieved of CONSULTANT's responsibilities under this Agreement, except the obligations to perform the work that MTC has specifically directed CONSULTANT to suspend under this section.

If the suspension is not the responsibility of CONSULTANT, suspension of all or any portion of the work under this Section may entitle CONSULTANT to compensation and/or schedule extensions subject to the Agreement requirements.

23. WARRANTY OF SERVICES

A. In the performance of its services, CONSULTANT represents and warrants that it has and will exercise the degree of professional care, skill, efficiency, and judgment of consultants with special expertise in providing such services, and that it carries and will maintain all applicable licenses, certificates, and registrations needed for the work in current and good standing.

B. In the event that any services provided by CONSULTANT hereunder are deficient because of CONSULTANT's or a subconsultant's failure to perform said services in accordance with the warranty standards set forth above, MTC shall report such deficiencies in writing to CONSULTANT within a reasonable time. MTC thereafter shall have:

1. The right to have CONSULTANT re-perform such services at CONSULTANT's expense; or
2. The right to have such services done by others and the costs thereof charged to and collected from CONSULTANT if within 30 days after written notice to CONSULTANT requiring such re-performance, CONSULTANT fails to give satisfactory evidence to MTC that it has undertaken said re-performance; or
3. The right to terminate the Agreement for default.

CONSULTANT shall be responsible for all errors and omissions and is expected to pay for all deficient work as a result of errors and omissions.

24. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

A. Informal Resolution of Disputes. CONSULTANT and MTC shall use good faith efforts to resolve all disputes informally at the project manager level. In the event such efforts are unsuccessful, either party may request that MTC provide a written determination as to the proposed resolution of the dispute. Within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the request, the MTC Project Manager shall provide a written determination as to the dispute, including the basis for his or her decision. Upon CONSULTANT's written acceptance of the MTC Project Manager's determination, the Agreement may be modified and the determination implemented or, failing agreement, MTC may in its sole discretion pay such amounts and/or revise the time for performance in accordance with the MTC Project Manager's determination.

If the MTC Project Manager's determination is not accepted by CONSULTANT, the matter shall promptly be referred to senior executives of the parties having designated authority to settle the dispute. The senior executives will exchange memoranda stating the issues in dispute and their respective positions and then meet for negotiations at a mutually agreed time and place. If the matter has not been resolved within thirty (30) calendar days of commencement of senior management negotiations, the parties may mutually agree to try to settle the dispute by means of alternate dispute resolution methodologies, as set forth below.

B. Controversies Subject to Alternative Dispute Resolution. Any claim or controversy concerning the interpretation, application, or implementation of this Agreement between MTC and CONSULTANT that cannot be resolved through the informal efforts described above, may, by specific agreement of the parties, be

submitted to alternative dispute resolution (that is, mediation or arbitration) with the parameters for such dispute resolution being agreed to by the parties at the time.

C. Other Remedies. If a dispute is not resolved through discussion or the parties do not agree to alternative dispute resolution, either party may pursue available legal remedies in a California State or Federal court of competent jurisdiction. CONSULTANT must file a government claim pursuant to Government Code section 910 *et seq.* in order to initiate a civil action.

D. Pending Resolution. CONSULTANT shall continue to work during the dispute resolution process in a diligent and timely manner as directed by MTC, and shall be governed by all applicable provisions of the Agreement.

E. Cost of Alternative Dispute Resolution Proceedings. Each party shall bear the costs and expenses incurred by it in connection with such alternative dispute resolution processes. The cost of any mediator or independent decision maker shall be shared equally between the parties.

F. Survival of this Article. This Article shall survive completion or termination of this Agreement, but under no circumstances shall either party call for an alternative dispute resolution of any claim or dispute arising out of this Agreement after such period of time as would normally bar the initiation of legal proceeding to litigate such claim or dispute under the laws of the State of California.

25. CHOICE OF LAW

All questions pertaining to the validity and interpretation of the Agreement shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the State of California applicable to agreements made and to be performed within the State.

26. ATTORNEYS' FEES

If any legal proceeding should be instituted by either of the parties to enforce the terms of this Agreement or to determine the rights of the parties under this Agreement, the prevailing party in said proceeding shall recover reasonable attorneys' fees, in addition to all court costs.

27. PARTIAL INVALIDITY

If any term or condition of this Agreement is found to be illegal or unenforceable, such term or condition shall be deemed stricken and the remaining terms and conditions shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

28. BENEFIT OF AGREEMENT

The Agreement shall bind and benefit the parties hereto and their heirs, successors, and permitted assigns.

29. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

This Agreement is not for the benefit of any person or entity other than the parties.

30. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; MODIFICATION

This Agreement, including any attachments, constitutes the complete agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior written or oral communications. CONSULTANT represents that in entering into the Agreement it has not relied on any previous representations, inducements, or understandings of any kind or nature. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by written instrument signed by both CONSULTANT and MTC. In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the attachments, the terms of this Agreement will prevail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto as of the day and year first written above.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

NAME OF CONSULTANT

Steve Heminger, Executive Director

Insert Appropriate Name, Title

ATTACHMENT A

Scope of Work

The services to be performed by CONSULTANT shall consist of services requested by the Project Manager or a designated representative including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1.
 - 2.
- ETC.

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ATTACHMENT B
Project Schedule

Task #	Work to be Performed/Deliverables (#)	Completion Date

ATTACHMENT C
Compensation and Method of Payment

FIRM FIXED PRICE

A. Compensation. CONSULTANT shall be paid, as full compensation for the satisfactory completion of the work described in Attachment A, Scope of Work, the firm fixed sum of _____ dollars (\$_____), which includes all labor, supervision, applicable surcharges such as taxes, insurance, and fringe benefits, as well as indirect costs, overhead and profit allowance, subconsultants' costs, travel, equipment, materials and supplies. Any amendments to this Agreement shall be based on the hourly rates set forth in Attachment D, Key Personnel Assignments, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. In no event shall the total compensation to be paid CONSULTANT under the Agreement exceed the Maximum Payment specified in Article 3 of the Agreement.

B. Progress Payments. Payment for CONSULTANT's services shall be due in the amounts indicated below, upon acceptance by the MTC Project Manager of the following deliverables or milestones, described in detail in Attachment A, Scope of Work:

Task	Deliverables (#)	Amount Due
1	Do this (#1)	\$1,234
2	Do that (#2)	\$56,789
		Etc.
Total		\$58,023.00

C. Method of Payment. CONSULTANT shall submit an invoice identifying the project deliverable or milestone for which payment is sought no later than thirty (30) days after MTC's acceptance of such deliverable/milestone.

ATTACHMENT D
Key Personnel Assignments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rate/hour</u>	<u>Est. hours</u>	<u>Task Description</u>

* Applicable to development of payment provisions in amendments only.

ATTACHMENT E
Insurance and Financial Security (Bond) Provisions

1. INSURANCE

A. Minimum Coverages. The insurance requirements specified in this section shall cover CONSULTANT's own liability and the liability arising out of work or services performed under this Agreement by any subconsultants, subcontractors, suppliers, temporary workers, independent contractors, leased employees, or any other persons, firms or corporations that CONSULTANT authorizes to work under this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Agents.") CONSULTANT shall, at its own expense, obtain and maintain in effect at all times during the life of this Agreement the following types of insurance against claims, damages and losses due to injuries to persons or damage to property or other losses that may arise in connection with the performance of work under this Agreement.

CONSULTANT is also required to assess the risks associated with work to be performed by Agents under subcontract and to include in every subcontract the requirement that the Agent maintain adequate insurance coverage with appropriate limits and endorsements to cover such risks. To the extent that an Agent does not procure and maintain such insurance coverage, CONSULTANT shall be responsible for said coverage and assume any and all costs and expenses that may be incurred in securing said coverage or in fulfilling CONSULTANT's indemnity obligation as to itself or any of its Agents in the absence of coverage.

In the event CONSULTANT or its Agents procure excess or umbrella coverage to maintain certain requirements outlined below, these policies shall also satisfy all specified endorsements and stipulations, including provisions that CONSULTANT's insurance be primary without right of contribution from MTC. Prior to beginning work under this contract, CONSULTANT shall provide MTC with satisfactory evidence of compliance with the insurance requirements of this section.

1. Workers' Compensation Insurance with Statutory limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per employee and \$1,000,000 per accident, and any and all other coverage of CONSULTANT's employees as may be required by applicable law. Such policy shall contain a Waiver of Subrogation in favor of MTC. Such Workers' Compensation & Employer's Liability may be waived, if and only for as long as CONSULTANT is a sole proprietor or a corporation with stock 100% owned by officers with no employees.

2. Commercial General Liability Insurance for Bodily Injury and Property Damage liability, covering the premises and operations, and products and completed operations of CONSULTANT and CONSULTANT's officers, agents, and employees and with limits of liability which shall not be less than \$2,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence with a general aggregate liability of not less than \$4,000,000, a products/completed operations aggregate liability limit of not less than \$4,000,000 and Personal & Advertising Injury liability with a limit of not less than \$2,000,000. Such policy shall contain a Waiver of Subrogation in favor of MTC.

Products and completed operations insurance shall be maintained for three (3) years following termination of this Agreement.

MTC and those entities listed in Part 3 of this Attachment E (if any), and their commissioners, directors, officers, representatives, agents and employees are to be named as additional insureds for ongoing and completed operations. Such insurance shall be primary and non-contributory, and contain a Separation of Insureds Clause as respects any claims, losses or liability arising directly or indirectly from CONSULTANT's operations.

3. Business Automobile Insurance for all automobiles owned (if any), used or maintained by CONSULTANT and CONSULTANT's officers, agents and employees, including but not limited to owned (if any), leased (if any), non-owned and hired automobiles, with limits of liability which shall not be less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident.

4. Umbrella Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 providing excess limits over Employer's Liability, Automobile Liability, and Commercial General Liability Insurance. Such umbrella coverage shall be following form to underlying coverage including all endorsements and additional insured requirements.

5. Errors and Omissions Professional Liability Insurance for errors and omissions and the resulting damages, including, but not limited to, economic loss to MTC and having minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per claim.

The policy shall provide coverage for all work performed by CONSULTANT and any work performed or conducted by any subcontractor/consultant working for or performing services on behalf of CONSULTANT. No contract or agreement between CONSULTANT and any subcontractor/consultant shall relieve CONSULTANT of the responsibility for providing this Errors & Omissions or Professional Liability coverage for all work performed by CONSULTANT and any subcontractor/consultant working on behalf of CONSULTANT on the project.

6. Property Insurance covering CONSULTANT'S own business personal property and equipment to be used in performance of this Agreement, materials or property to be purchased and/or installed on behalf of MTC (if any), and builders risk for property in the course of construction (if applicable). Coverage shall be written on a "Special Form" policy that includes theft, but excludes earthquake, with limits at least equal to the replacement cost of the property. Such policy shall contain a Waiver of Subrogation in favor of MTC.

B. Acceptable Insurers. All policies will be issued by insurers acceptable to MTC, generally with a Best's Rating of A- or better with a Financial Size Category of VIII or better.

C. Self-Insurance. CONSULTANT's obligation hereunder may be satisfied in whole or in part by adequately funded self-insurance, upon evidence of financial capacity satisfactory to MTC.

D. Deductibles and Retentions. CONSULTANT shall be responsible for payment of any deductible or retention on CONSULTANT's policies without right of contribution from MTC. Deductible and retention provisions shall not contain any restrictions as to how or by whom the deductible or retention is paid. Any deductible or retention provision limiting payment to the Named Insured is unacceptable.

In the event that MTC seeks coverage as an additional insured under any CONSULTANT insurance policy that contains a deductible or self-insured retention, CONSULTANT shall satisfy such deductible or self-insured retention to the extent of loss covered by such policy, for any lawsuit arising from or connected with any alleged act of CONSULTANT, subconsultant, subcontractor, or any of their employees, officers or directors, even if CONSULTANT or subconsultant is not a named defendant in the lawsuit.

E. Claims Made Coverage. If any insurance specified above is written on a “Claims-Made” (rather than an “occurrence”) basis, then in addition to the coverage requirements above, CONSULTANT shall:

- (1) Ensure that the Retroactive Date is shown on the policy, and such date must be before the date of this Agreement or the beginning of any work under this Agreement;
- (2) Maintain and provide evidence of similar insurance for at least three (3) years following project completion, including the requirement of adding all additional insureds; and
- (3) If insurance is cancelled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the Agreement effective date, CONSULTANT shall purchase “extended reporting” coverage for a minimum of three (3) years after completion of the work.

F. Failure to Maintain Insurance. All insurance specified above shall remain in force until all work or services to be performed are satisfactorily completed, all of CONSULTANT’s personnel, subconsultants, subcontractors, and equipment have been removed from MTC’s property, and the work or services have been formally accepted. CONSULTANT must notify MTC if any of the above required coverages are non-renewed or cancelled. The failure to procure or maintain required insurance and/or an adequately funded self-insurance program will constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

G. Certificates of Insurance. Prior to commencement of any work hereunder, CONSULTANT shall deliver to MTC Certificates of Insurance verifying the aforementioned coverages. Such certificates shall make reference to all provisions and endorsements referred to above and shall be signed on behalf of the insurer by an authorized representative thereof.

H. Disclaimer. The foregoing requirements as to the types and limits of insurance coverage to be maintained by CONSULTANT are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations otherwise assumed by CONSULTANT pursuant hereto, including, but not limited to, liability assumed pursuant to Article 9 of this Agreement.

2. NOT USED

3. ADDITIONAL INSURED

The following entities are to be named as Additional Insureds under applicable sections of this Attachment E and as MTC Indemnified Parties, pursuant to Article 9 of the Agreement.

NONE

ATTACHMENT F, Not used

ATTACHMENT G
Subconsultant List

	<u>Name/Address of Subconsultant</u>	<u>Amount of Subcontract</u>	<u>Description of Work</u>
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

LIST “None” ABOVE IF NO SUBCONTRACTORS ARE BEING USED.

APPENDIX D-1, INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Insurance Coverages. Consultant shall, at its own expense, obtain and maintain in effect at all times the following types of insurance against claims, damages and losses due to injuries to persons or damage to property or other losses that may arise in connection with the performance of work under its Agreement with MTC, placed with insurers Best's Rating of A- or better with a Financial Size Category of VIII or better.

Yes (√)	Please certify by checking the box below that required coverages will be provided within ten (10) business days of MTC's notice to firm that it wishes to contract with the firm.
—	<p><u>Workers' Compensation Insurance</u> with Statutory limits, and <u>Employer's Liability Insurance</u> with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per employee and \$1,000,000 per accident, and any and all other coverage of CONSULTANT's employees as may be required by applicable law. Such policy shall contain a Waiver of Subrogation in favor of MTC. Such <u>Workers Compensation & Employer's Liability</u> may be waived, if and only for as long as CONSULTANT is a sole proprietor or a corporation with stock 100% owned by officers with no employees.</p>
—	<p><u>Commercial General Liability Insurance</u> for Bodily Injury and Property Damage liability, covering the premises and operations, and products and completed operations of CONSULTANT and CONSULTANT's officers, agents, and employees and with limits of liability which shall not be less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence with a general aggregate liability of not less than \$2,000,000, a products/completed operations aggregate liability limit of not less than \$2,000,000 and Personal & Advertising Injury liability with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000. Such policy shall contain a Waiver of Subrogation in favor of MTC.</p> <p>Products and completed operations insurance shall be maintained for three (3) years following termination of this Agreement.</p> <p>MTC and its commissioners, directors, officers, representatives, agents and employees are to be named as additional insureds for ongoing and completed operations. Such insurance shall be primary and non-contributory, and contain a Separation of Insureds Clause as respects any claims, losses or liability arising directly or indirectly from CONSULTANT's operations.</p>
—	<p><u>Business Automobile Insurance</u> for all automobiles owned (if any), used or maintained by CONSULTANT and CONSULTANT's officers, agents and employees, including but not limited to owned (if any), leased (if any), non-owned and hired automobiles, with limits of liability that shall not be less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident.</p>
—	<p><u>Umbrella Insurance</u> in the amount of \$1,000,000 providing excess limits over Employer's Liability, Automobile Liability, and Commercial General Liability Insurance. Such umbrella coverage shall be following form to underlying coverage including all endorsements and additional insured requirements.</p>

<p>—</p>	<p><u>Errors and Omissions Professional Liability Insurance</u> for errors and omissions and the resulting damages, including, but not limited to, economic loss to MTC and having minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per claim.</p> <p>The policy shall provide coverage for all work performed by CONSULTANT and any work performed or conducted by any subcontractor/consultant working for or performing services on behalf of the CONSULTANT. No contract or agreement between CONSULTANT and any subcontractor/consultant shall relieve CONSULTANT of the responsibility for providing this Errors & Omissions or Professional Liability coverage for all work performed by CONSULTANT and any subcontractor/consultant working on behalf of CONSULTANT on the project.</p>
<p>—</p>	<p><u>Property Insurance.</u> Property Insurance covering CONSULTANT'S own business personal property and equipment to be used in performance of its Agreement with MTC, materials or property to be purchased and/or installed on behalf of MTC (if any), and builders risk for property in the course of construction (if applicable). Coverage shall be written on a "Special Form" policy that includes theft, but excludes earthquake, with limits at least equal to the replacement cost of the property. Such policy shall contain a Waiver of Subrogation in favor of MTC.</p>
<p>Consultant's obligation to provide the insurance described herein may be satisfied in whole or in part by adequately funded self-insurance, upon evidence of financial capacity satisfactory to MTC.</p> <p>Consultant shall be responsible for payment of any deductible or retention on Consultant's policies without right of contribution from MTC. Deductible and retention provisions shall not contain any restrictions as to how or by whom the deductible or retention is paid. Any deductible or retention provision limiting payment to the Named Insured is unacceptable.</p> <p>In the event that MTC seeks coverage as an additional insured under any Consultant insurance policy that contains a deductible or self-insured retention, Consultant shall satisfy such deductible or self-insured retention to the extent of loss covered by such policy, for any lawsuit arising from or connected with any alleged act of Consultant, subconsultant, subcontractor, or any of their employees, officers or directors, even if Consultant or subconsultant is not a named defendant in the lawsuit.</p> <p>If any insurance specified above is written on a "Claims-Made" (rather than an "occurrence") basis, then in addition to the coverage requirements above, Consultant shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure that the Retroactive Date is shown on the policy, and such date must be before the date of its Agreement with MTC or the beginning of any work under such Agreement; 2. Maintain and provide evidence of similar insurance for at least three (3) years following project completion, including the requirement of adding all additional insureds; and 3. If insurance is cancelled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the Agreement effective date, Consultant shall purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of three (3) years after completion of the work. <p>All insurance specified above shall remain in force until all work or services to be performed are satisfactorily completed, all of Consultant's personnel, subcontractors, and equipment have been removed from MTC's property, and the work or services have been formally accepted. Consultant must notify MTC if any of the above required coverages are non-renewed or cancelled. The failure to</p>	

procure or maintain required insurance and/or an adequately funded self-insurance program will constitute a material breach of its Agreement with MTC.

Prior to commencement of any work hereunder, Consultant shall deliver to MTC Certificates of Insurance verifying the aforementioned coverages. Such certificates shall make reference to all provisions and endorsements referred to above and shall be signed on behalf of the insurer by an authorized representative thereof.

The foregoing requirements as to the types and limits of insurance coverage to be maintained by Consultant are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations otherwise assumed by Consultant pursuant hereto, including, but not limited to, liability assumed pursuant to the Indemnification section of its Agreement with MTC.

By signing below you acknowledge and agree to provide the required certificate of insurance providing verification of the minimum insurance requirements listed above within ten (10) business days of MTC's notice to firm that it wishes to contract with the firm.

Representative Name and Title	
Name of Authorizing Official	
Authorized Signature	
Date	

NOTE: If you were unable to check "Yes" for any of the required minimum insurance coverages listed above, a request for exception to the appropriate insurance requirement(s) must be brought to MTC's attention no later than closing date/time for receipt of requests for modifications/exceptions. If such modifications/exceptions are not brought to MTC's attention consistent with the provisions of this RFP, compliance with the insurance requirements will be assumed.